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**WACO MAN TO CALL FEDERAL PRISON HOME FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS  
IN PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS CASE**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that Jacque Deshawn King was sentenced today to ten years in federal prison for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge Walter S. Smith, Jr., ordered that King be placed under supervised release for a period of three years after completing his prison term.

On January 19, 2005, officers with the McLennan County Sheriff's Department stopped the defendant's vehicle for suspicion of burglary. At the time, authorities discovered a stolen Colt (Model 1911) handgun inside the vehicle. Subsequently, authorities recovered five additional stolen firearms attributed to the defendant. On July 21, 2005, King pled guilty to the felon-in-possession charge. King's criminal history reflects six prior convictions—two of which are felony convictions—for offenses including burglary, escape and forgery.

"Today, Waco is safer because this dangerous criminal was removed from the streets. Convicted felons who carry guns should expect to spend many years behind bars in federal prison," stated United States Attorney Johnny Sutton.

This case was investigated by the McLennan County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Special Assistant United States Attorney Shelly Strimple prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

The prosecution of this case is another example of how the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas is carrying out the Department of Justice's gun crime initiative - Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN). Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide federal initiative designed to reduce gun violence in our communities. PSN promotes partnerships among federal, state, and local law enforcement to target criminals in possession of guns. Federal law insures that when an armed criminal is arrested, that individual will face swift criminal prosecution and be exiled from the community through the use of stiff mandatory prison sentences.

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